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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

Madilyn Short, Riley von Borstel, )  
Kjrsten Schindler, and Jay-Mark )  
Pascua, )  
 )  
Appellants, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
Governor Michael J. Dunleavy in his )  
official capacity, State of Alaska, )  
Office of Management and Budget, )  
and State of Alaska, Department of )  
Administration, )  
 )  
Appellees. )  
 )

Supreme Court No. S-18333

Trial Court Case No. 3AN-22-04028CI

**STATE’S RESPONSE TO APPELLANTS’ MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION RE: BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

The appellants have asked the full Court to reconsider a single justice’s denial of their motion expedite briefing in this matter, so as to allow for a decision on the merits “no later than May 4, 2022.” Appellants’ representation of the State’s position in the motion for reconsideration is not entirely accurate, and the State accordingly reiterates its position on appellants’ original motion here.

Although the State does not oppose expediting this case in principle, it does not believe that the appellants’ chosen date has any particular significance for this year’s budget, which already includes funding for higher education grants and scholarships and the WWAMI program from general fund revenues. More specifically, undersigned counsel—who is assigned lead appellate counsel in this case—has a competing

Supreme Court deadline of March 9 in a case expedited under Alaska Rule of Appellate Procedure 218, and a half-day trial currently scheduled for March 14. The State therefore requests that any briefing schedule the Court sets allows the State to begin drafting its appellee brief after March 14.

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